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(Amended) The instant invention addresses this problem in a method exemplified in Figure 1 which comprises providing a laminated material comprising first and second layers, said first and second layers having different coefficients of thermal expansion, said first layer 10 having within it a hole 11, wherein a target region 21 of said second layer 20 in said laminated material is not laminated to said first layer but is surrounded entirely by laminated regions wherein the first layer is laminated to the second layer; providing a laser source 30 producing energy (indicated by arrow 31) of a wavelength and a power level that can ablate material from said first layer; changing the temperature of the laminated material so as to place said target region under tension; and directing said laser source onto said target region and ablating a portion thereof. The coefficient of thermal expansion of the first laminate layer may be greater or less than that of the second laminate layer.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel pending claims 1-4.

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6. (New) The laminated material according to claim 5, wherein the first layer comprises polyimide and the second layer comprises polyethylene.